INCOMPLETE STATEWIDE WARRANTS

You're frustrated because you are looking at a Utah statewide warrant that contains only a name and a date of birth. The defendant's name is a common name. Do you arrest or not? Unfortunately, this happens far too often in Utah.

WHOSE FAULT IS IT THAT THE WARRANT IS LACKING IDENTIFYING INFORMATION?

- ▪ Is it the court's fault?
- ▪ Is it law enforcement's fault?

The answer is **BOTH**.

Law enforcement entities and courts need to work together to ensure that all warrants on SWW contain as much identifying information as possible.

LAW ENFORCEMENT – Both BCI and the courts have seen far too many citations (and even ten-print cards) that contain only the individual's name, date of birth, and offense. Giving the courts such a small amount of information does not help them do their duties. (It doesn't help BCI either!)

Since you are *actually with the person* as you cite him/her, please do what you can to enter identifying information such as sex, hair color, eye color, height, OLN, SSN, etc. (You can at least take half a second to circle M or F for the person's sex. 98% of the time it's pretty obvious if you have a male or female!)

Also, be aware that some courts have limited UCJIS access. Some courts have access to only the SWW functions, so they are unable to look up any identifiers that you did not provide them. The courts are also just as busy as you are, and expecting them to take the time to look up every bit of missing information may be too much for them to handle.

So officers – if you are looking at a warrant with minimal identifiers, it may be because one of your fellow officers did not take the time to put identifying information on the warrant!

COURTS – Please keep in mind that as law enforcement is citing an individual, the officer may be on the side of a busy freeway, perhaps in bad weather. Or perhaps the officer may be with an uncooperative individual who has no identification with him/her. (Although, again, circling M or F on the citation should not be too hard for the officer!)

If the individual has no ID, the officer may not be able to get an accurate OLN or SSN. The individual may give a fake name, and the individual's identity will not be truly known until the citation gets to BCI. (Unless it is only a traffic citation, in which case the true identity may never be known.)

Ideally, law enforcement should be filling in all the identifying information on the citation or ten-print card. But sometimes this may be impossible, or sometimes the officer just does not do as much as he/she could have done. In that case, you need to do your part to fill in as much identifying information as you can, given your UCJIS access. (In most cases, a check of the defendant's OLN will provide all necessary identifying information.)

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS – failing to provide adequate identifying information on the warrant may mean the defendant never gets arrested. It may cause an innocent person to get falsely arrested, which could lead to a lawsuit for both entities. It may also mean that a law abiding citizen may have to wait to get a gun purchase approved while BCI's Brady Section researches the warrant. Or, even worse, it could mean that a person who is not qualified to purchase a gun may be told he/she is eligible to buy it.

The effectiveness of the UCJIS system depends on the full cooperation of all types of criminal justice agencies. Instead of pointing fingers and saying "It's their job to provide the information" just do what you can to provide the information yourself. Doing so will increase the effectiveness of UCJIS, and will make all our jobs easier.

2006 TAC CONFERENCE

We're looking forward to seeing you at the 2006 TAC Conference in Cedar City! The conference will be May 30 to June 1, 2006. You may check in on the afternoon of May 30, or the morning of May 31. (Make sure you check in, so we know you were there!)

Check-in, and the conference itself, will be at the Sharwan Smith Center on the Southern Utah University campus in Cedar City. Please see http://www.suu.edu/campmap/sssc.html for a map of the conference center. Look for the large round "rotunda" on the first floor of the Smith Center.

On the afternoon of May 30 BCI will be offering optional classes on the new IRIS ID Theft Program, as well as a New TAC Class. ("Experienced" TACs are also welcome to attend this New TAC Class if they would like a refresher!)

For more information please watch the Message of the Day or for e-mails from BCI. A copy of the agenda as it currently stands can be found at the end of this newsletter.

IDENTITY THEFT ESCALATES

3.6 Million U.S. Households Learned They Were Identity Theft Victims During a Six-month Period in 2004

WASHINGTON, D.C. - An estimated 3.6 million households, or about 3 percent of all households in the nation, learned that they had been the victim of at least one type of identity theft during a six-month period in 2004, the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) announced recently. Forty-eight percent had experienced an unauthorized use of credit cards; 25 percent had other accounts, such as banking accounts, used without permission; 15 percent experienced the misuse of personal information and 12 percent experienced multiple types of theft at the same time.

About one in five households spent at least one month resolving their problems. One-third said the problems were resolved in one day. At the time of the interview about one-sixth said the misuse was still causing problems. The entire report, "Identity Theft, 2004" (NCJ 212213) can be accessed at: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/it04.htm.

Summary of an article from the LEO (Law Enforcement Online) web site.

VALIDATE NCIC RECORDS ON-LINE

LAW ENFORCEMENT – Please remember that when you validate your NCIC entries, you must do so on-line!

To electronically validate an entry, access the appropriate modify transaction. (MW for wanted persons, etc.) The validator must enter a unique identifier (initials, logon, etc.) into the VLN field and click "Submit." You should then get a response from NCIC that says, "Validated". **If your NCIC response only says, "Modified", the entry didn't get validated on-line.** The day will soon come when NCIC will automatically purge all records that have not been electronically validated. (Plus, electronic validation will also look better on your agency audit!)

IRIS ID THEFT PROGRAM

The Utah Attorney General's Office has launched a new website that will assist victims of ID theft. The website called "IRIS-Identity Theft Reporting Information System" is the first system in the nation that will send identity theft complaints directly to the proper law enforcement agency and provide victims with a checklist of things to do in order to resolve credit problems.

The victim can go online to www.idtheft.utah.gov and file a complaint that will be sent to the proper law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement agencies will be notified by e-mail that a victim has reported an identity theft incident in their jurisdiction. Each agency should have already supplied an e-mail address to the AG's office. If you have not, you can submit one to BCI and we can get it in the system. Each agency can only have one e-mail address. Further details can be obtained at the IRIS training BCI is providing.

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in Utah and the nation.

IRIS will make it easier for ID theft victims and help law enforcement solve more identity theft crimes. The database can identify organized identity theft crime rings and pinpoint stolen credit cards, bank checks and driver's licenses.

If the public contacts you about problems with the IRIS site itself, please refer them to the Utah Attorney General's Office at 801-366-0260. (BCI

has no control over the IRIS site – just the FRDQ transaction that you will use.)

BCI is offering training at BCI on the law enforcement side of the IRIS program on May 9, May 11. We will also offer two sessions at the TAC Conference on May 30. Please see http://www.bci.utah.gov/Admin/Training.html for more information on the May 9 and May 11 classes. Space is limited, so you must pre-register if you wish to attend.

CHANGING PASSWORDS AND SOCKET PROGRAMS

Many of you using "socket" programs (as opposed to UCJIS) have probably noticed that changing your password can be a tricky business.

The process for correctly changing your password on both your software package and the UCJIS web site varies depending on the software system you use. If you do not follow the correct procedures you will find yourself locked out of UCJIS until the problem is fixed!

Our Help Desk (801-965-4446) may be able to help you if we are familiar with your software package. Please call the Help Desk BEFORE changing your password, and not after! If our Help Desk is not familiar with your software program's procedures, you will need to check with your vendor first.

FEBRUARY'S TOP TEN TRANSACTIONS

February 2006 was a busy month; with 2,960,261 UCJIS transactions ran by Utah agencies. That's an average of 105,723.6 transactions per day!

Transaction	Times Ran
QW SWW/PO	428,504
QV Query Vehicle	419,922
RQ Utah Motor Vehicle	413,564
DQ Utah Drivers License	405,414
QW Query Wanted - NCIC	214,633
XDQ XML Driver License	152,670
IQ UCCH Name List	95,394
MIP Multiple Inquiry Person	69,722
MIV Multiple Inquiry Vehicle	54,678
FQ UCCH RAP Request	40,636

BCI CANNOT GIVE OUT CRIMINAL HISTORY FROM OTHER STATES!

Remember – BCI cannot give members of the public records from other states, nor can BCI expunge arrest data from other states.

Please do not tell members of the public that BCI can provide them with out-of-state information. This only causes frustration as the individual comes to BCI and finds out we cannot provide that data.

Individuals who come to BCI to obtain a "Right of Access" can only get a copy of their *Utah* criminal history information. If a member of the public wants to review or expunge information from a state other than Utah, he will have to contact that state directly. Individuals may also obtain a copy of their FBI record directly from the FBI.

For more information on obtaining records from other states, please see BCI's web site at http://www.bci.utah.gov/Records/CrimRecords.html

IDENTITY THEFT RING BREAK-UP

SALT LAKE CITY, UT – A Kaysville individual surfed the Internet to find someone with his name and a similar date of birth to help get him $42,000 in auto loans, two new credit cards and the fee for flying lessons.

A Bountiful man "washed" stolen checks - removed the ink with chemicals, then rewrote the dollar amount or recipient - and deposited them into his own bank accounts. As identity theft has become more prevalent, authorities set up the Utah Identity Theft Task Force (ITTF), which operates as part of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force.

In the past 15 months the Utah ITTF launched 190 investigations, identified 1,366 victims of identity theft, returned about 150 indictments with 127 convictions, and held more than 25 training sessions on fraud prevention for law enforcement agencies, community groups and merchants. Identity thieves use stolen information to obtain credit cards, cash checks made out to others, take out loans, collect tax refunds due to another taxpayer and get a driver license or passport under a false name.

The majority of cases handled by the identity theft task force involve "mailboxing," the stealing of checks, credit cards and other items from mailboxes. Thieves using someone else's personal information to get a credit card are the next biggest

category. One of the ways scam artists find information is by going through customer records at their own jobs (*which BCI feels is yet another reason to background check everyone at your agency with any access to personal information and identifiers*).

UCR/IBR

Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) paper forms still need to be submitted to BCI even if your agency submits data electronically. According to FBI CJIS guidelines you must submit the paper LEOKA forms if your agency is unable to submit the LEOKA data electronically. These forms may be mailed or faxed to BCI. If you have any questions contact Mary Ann Curtis at 801 965-4812.

The *Crime in Utah Report* will be disseminated differently this year. A preliminary *2005 Crime in Utah Report* will be published in May. This report will have only the Local Agency Overview, Arrests by Agency, Arrests by Offense and the IBR data. The completed *2005 Crime in Utah Report* will be out sometime later in the year. Look for the preliminary report on BCI's web site at http://www.bci.utah.gov/Stats/StatsHome.html.

If you are looking for a new vendor for your NIBRS submission software, be sure they are aware that Utah has unique features that are different from the national standards. In order for BCI to process your data, your software vendor must conform to these Utah changes. Vendors can be referred to Mary Ann Curtis at 801 965-4812 to get the Utah criteria.

We would like to recognize the Salt Lake City PD in this year's concentrated effort lower errors and work with their vendor to improve the IBR edits at the software level; especially the efforts of their IBR representatives Christy Vasser and Dave Doepner. Salt Lake City's error rate has lowered from 3.32% in June 2004 to 0.59% in December 2005. Way to Go!

Your "error rate" means that out of all the incidents submitted in a month, the number of incidents that didn't get accepted into the state database comprises your error rate. If your agency submits 100 incidents, and one of them doesn't get accepted into BCI's database because of an error, your error rate for the month is 1%. The higher your error rate, the more incidents that aren't getting counted in IBR.
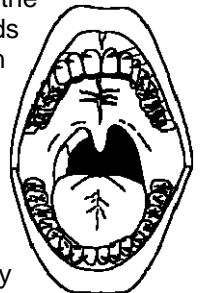
For submissions received between March and April of 2006, the following agencies had a zero percent error rate: ☺

Bountiful PD	Millard County Sheriff
BYU PD	North Salt Lake PD
Cache Rich Drug Task Force	Riverdale PD
Carbon County Sheriff	Roosevelt PD
Clearfield PD	Sandy PD
Clinton PD	South Jordan PD
Davis County Sheriff	Southern Utah University PD
Grantsville PD	Spanish Fork PD
Helper PD	Sunset PD
Kaysville PD	Syracuse PD
Logan PD	West Jordan PD

MISSING PERSONS

DENTAL RECORDS

BCI cannot adequately express the importance of obtaining dental records for missing persons – particularly when the individual is missing under suspicious circumstances. If it is believed a kidnapping occurred, or if the person is missing after a catastrophe, dental records are vital.

Dental records are often the only way to positively identify a body, or to identify a living person who cannot identify himself, such as an Alzheimer's victim.

Unfortunately, the remains of the 15 year old that goes missing from your jurisdiction tomorrow may not be found for another 10 years. Unless that victim's dental records are on NCIC the remains may never be identified. Identifying the body will help bring closure to the victim's family, and possibly bring a perpetrator to justice.

BCI is the only agency in Utah that can enter dental records onto NCIC. When you obtain the dental records, please contact Gina McMahon at 801-965-4686.

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Agenda for TAC Conference 2006

Tuesday, May 30th

1:00-7:00 PM	Registration/Check-In
3:00 PM	New TAC Class (Optional)
2:00-3:30 PM	IRIS ID Theft System Training (Optional)
3:30-5:00 PM	IRIS ID Theft System Training (Optional)

Wednesday, May 31st

7:30-9:00 AM	Registration/Check-In
9:00-9:30	Welcome and Overview
9:30-10:15	TAC Reminders, Background Checks
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-12:00	Testing, Audits, New Transactions
12:00-1:00	Lunch (Provided by BCI)
1:00-2:45	ATF, Drivers License, Insure-Rite Guest Speakers
2:45-3:00	Break
3:00-5:00	FBI Guest Speaker (Lori Stingo) "New ID Theft File; Changes to the Wanted Person File (coming 09/06)"

Thursday, June 1st

7:30-9:00	Breakfast (Provided by BCI)
9:00-10:15	Breakout Session #1
10:30-12:00	Breakout Session #2
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:30	Breakout Session #3
3:00-4:00	Breakout Session #4

(More information on Breakout Sessions on the following page)

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Breakout Class Schedule

	Breakout Room 1	Breakout Room 2	Breakout Room 3	Breakout Room 4
Session 1 (9:00-10:15)	Advanced UCJIS	Courts	Amber Alert/EPA/ Missing & Unidentified Persons	UCCH
Session 2 (10:30-12:00)	In-House Audits	New TAC	Amber Alert/EPA/ Missing & Unidentified Persons	UCR
Session 3 (1:00-2:30)	Advanced UCJIS	In-House Audits	NCIC Entry (Including NCIC Image Entry)	UCCH
Session 4 (3:00-4:00)	Open	Courts	"PRESENTATIONS WITH PIZZAZZ" - an overview of developing training material specifically for public safety dispatchers.	NIBRS